

Word of the week

25th June 2018 – 30th June 2018

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Epithet (Noun)

Meaning: An adjective or phrase expressing quality or attribute regarded as characteristic of the person or thing mentioned.

Origin: late 16th century from French epithete

Synonyms: nickname, label, title, tag

Antonyms: compliment, praise, applause, flattery

Sentences

1. He hardly deserves the epithet fascist.
2. Gross would be another epithet for it.
3. Many were offended by her use of racial epithets.
4. A group of angry people hurling epithets at one another.

Std 6

Bereft (Adjective)

Meaning: deprived of or lacking

Origin: Late 16th century English as the past participle of 'bereave'

Synonyms: cut off, devoid, without

Antonyms: happy, full

Sentences:

- 1) She looked at the ground instead of Evelyn, feeling bereft once again.
- 2) The framework of this crown, bereft of its jewels, is in the possession of Lady Amherst of Hackney.
- 3) When my husband died, I felt bereft of love and hope.

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Transpire (Verb)

Meaning: (of a secret or something unknown) come to be known; be revealed

Origin: late middle English (in the sense 'emit as vapour through the surface'): from French transpirer or medieavle Latin transpirare , from Latin 'trans' -through + spirare 'breathe'. It is a figurative use comparable with 'leak out' from mid 18th century.

Synonyms: come out, emerge, come to light, turn out, befall, ensue, arise, develop, become known, be made public, be revealed, be disclosed etc.

Antonyms: stop, cause, stay, cease etc.

Sentences:

1. The eyewitness account of the case transpired all doubts.
2. Let the things transpire to all.
3. They have transpired the secret behind the magic.
4. We are trying to transpire through the antique language.

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Balmy (Adjective)

Meaning: Pleasantly warm weather

Origin: The earliest reference to this word is first recorded in 1490–1500 (North America)

Synonyms: Fair, gentle

Antonyms: Harsh, wintry.

Sentences

1. The balmy climate immediately improved my spirits.
2. Fortunately we planned our picnic on balmy Saturday.

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pugnacious (Adjective)

Meaning: eager or quick to argue, quarrel, or fight.

Origin: mid 17th century: from Latin pugnax, pugnac-(from pugnare 'to fight', from pugnus 'fist') + -ious.

Synonyms: aggressive, quarrelsome, argumentative, and defiant

Antonyms: friendly, amiable, cordial

Sentences:

1. The pugnacious little boy constantly talks back to his mother.
2. John's pugnacious behaviour causes him to have few friends.
3. My twin sister is quite pugnacious, I prefer to avoid confrontations.

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mise en scène (Noun)

Meaning: the arrangement of the scenery, props, etc. on the stage of a theatrical production or on the set of a film, the setting or surroundings of an event .
Stage setting

First Known Use: 1833

Origin: from French mise en scène, literally "setting on the stage," from mise (13c.), literally "a putting, placing," noun use of fem. past participle of mettre "to put, place," from Latin mittere "to send"

Synonyms: arena, backdrop, background, blackout, display, exhibition, flat, landscape, locale, locality, location, outlook, pageant, picture, place, representation, scenery, set, setting, show, sight, site, spectacle, spot, stage,

Sentences:

1. When he is onscreen, your eye stays with him, oblivious to the mise en scene.
2. More specialized references such as mise en scene, Program announcements, and violin repetiteur are also present.
3. The creature never moved, and the mise en scene was beautiful.
4. In the contour and the mise en scene of the Will J. Davis vest.

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Ingenue (Noun)

Meaning: an innocent or unsophisticated young woman, especially in a play or movie

Origin: French feminine of ingénu 'ingenuous'

Synonyms: naive, gullible, neophyte, greenhorn, juvenile

Antonyms: expert, professional

Sentence:

1. Because the ingenue was incredibly naive, she believed she would become a movie star as soon as she arrived in Hollywood.
2. In her latest film she plays the part of an ingenue.
3. She was as simple and pretty as a film ingenue.
4. I don't want anymore ingenue roles.

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Blasphemy (Noun)

Meaning: the action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; Profane talk.

Origin: Middle English; from Old French, via ecclesiastical Latin from Greek blasphemia 'slander, blasphemy'.

Synonyms: irreverence, swearing, cursing, indignity to God, sacrilege

Antonyms: respect, reverence, religiousness, godliness, glorification

Sentences:

1. Harry committed blasphemy running through a church screaming that Jesus Christ is fake.
2. He was found guilty of blasphemy and sentenced to three years in jail.